Marine based Industries in Tamil Nadu

4181. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for marine based industries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the number of applications received by the Union Government in this regard during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

12.00 hrs.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow one after the other .

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait.

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Ponnani): Sir, I want to bring to your notice and of the House, that there has been a Police firing on the 21st of this month in the Khajuri area, an extension of Delhi, where some three persons have been killed and fiftypeople were injured when some unauthorised colonies were sought to be demolished. They were assisted by thousands of people of that area which has a population of about 50,000. When the demolition was carried out with the assistance of the people , three persons died and about 50 were injured. I would like to demand that this demolition should be stopped and compensation has to be given to the kith and kin of those killed. Not only should this idea of demolition be given up, but steps should be taken to regularise the colony. Proper compensation has to be paid to the kith and kin of those killed and injured.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands): Today is the fourteenth day that Shri Jha, General Secretary of the RPF Association has been on a hunger strike. His condition is deteriorating and it is unfortunate that the Government has not come out with any statement or any action to recognise the RPF association. This is not a party matter. These are some issues on which the Government should come out immediately. Otherwise, we cannot allow someone to die like this. We have to save his life and the Government should act. Some immediate action should be taken to save his life. This is my request.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Gandhi Nagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, all sections of the House are concerned with this question and nobody can forget the day when a member of the Council of Ministers who at that time was in the opposition had staged a dharna in the House on this issue. For three days, Shri Jha had been sitting on a fast infront of place of residence. Now he is sitting at the boat club. This is the 14th day of his fast and his condition is deteriorating. I know him personally. He is a devoted trade union leader. I understand that in this matter the Government and many Rail way Ministers including Shri George Fernandes have, time and again, committed that they would take appropriate action and give recognition to the association. Why should not this be done? Because of this if someone dies in this manner, it will be very deplorable and most unfortunate. I

respect him. I have personally requested the hon. Prime Minister and had a talk with him. I again request him here that he should intervene in the matter and see to it that the fast is given up. An appeal should be made to him on behalf of this august House to end the fast and all of us should think about this issue.

[English]

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Chandigarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I agree with Mr. Advani on this matter. There have been Resolutions in this House. The House has been unanimous on this matter. On two occasions, this matter was taken up earlier. As a last resort, Mr.Jha has to undertake fast unto death. As Mr.Advani has said, he is a man of firm resolve. It is not that he has taken this extreme step very causally. This would lead to many serious repercussions thereafter. I would urge the House to voice a feeling unanimously on this. And through you, Sir, I request the Government to take immediate action on this matter. We have been speaking here cutting across the party lines. And their view has has been wrongly understood by different officers from time to time. And that is a wrong interpretation being given. This is not against anybody; not against the person who come on deputation to the RPF. This is a genuine demand because it is not a law keeping force as other forces are. This is a very genuine demand. As a Welfare Association, they want to function. So, this recognition should be given.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur): Mr. Speaker Sir, as Mr. Advani has said, I had given an assurance to the House for giving recognition to that association. I have simply to say one thing that I had not only given an assurance, but also passed an order. My order is on record. I am sorry to say that the order has not been implemented. On the one hand the bureaucracy works in its own way to oppose this and on the other the Government has not initiated action to bring forward a legislation in the House. That is why it is my request, Mr Speaker, Sir, through you, to the hon. Prime Minister that the decision which had been taken to give recognition to the association should be implemented immediately. I also associate myself with the appeal that Mr. Jha should give up his fast. This House makes an appeal to him and requests the hon. Prime Minister to make a statement as a part of his collective responsibility and take steps to solve this problem.

[English]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I and my Party associate with this appeal to Mr. Jha for giving up his fast. But knowing the kind of determination he has and the kind of self inflicted torture he has undertaken it is necessary from the Government side, the Railway Minister comes to the House and makes an announcement that he is going to take concrete steps with regard to the recognition of RPF Union. And if necessary, the hon. Prime Minister must also intervene in this matter. Sir, it is a very serious matter and a life may be lost if we remain unresponsive.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani): Sir, I also associate myself with the appeal made by Mr. Bhakta, Mr. Advani, Mr. George Fernandes and Comrade Choudhury. Sir, the Order was passed not by Shri George Fernandes but by the then Railway Minister of India. And in that capacity, this assurance was given to this House. The Government changes but the State of India continues. The Members do change but the Parliament continues. In such a situation, the assurance has got to be fulfilled and the Order has got to be implemented. Otherwise, this is a sort of contempt of the House and a breach of trust with regard to the Order passed there. When the ex-Minister says that it was passed, the Government keeps mum. This is a hor-

rible situation. So, Sir, you please give directive so that the Minister makes a statement on this and the hunger strike is called off.

SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam): Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has undertaken this fast for a noble cause. The Government has already promised to solve this problem earlier. But the Government has not taken any action till today to fulfil its promise. It is a very serious matter. The Government must view this matter very seriously and the Government must come out with a concrete proposal to solve this problem and save his life.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay North): Sir, the House is aware that bringing foreign money into India is controlled by the ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: From your side there can be some kind of an appeal, Sir. This is a question of saving the life of a person.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I do think that.....

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow): Mr. Speaker, Sir, The Government should make a statement in this regard. Such situations are created in which we have to make an appeal. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: And that goes unheeded.

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATERJEE (Bolpur): This is a unanimous view of the House, Sir, (*Interruptions*).....

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Though you endorse our views,the matter remains where it was: (*Interruptions*)

Or you may please ask the Government either to say yes or no..... (*Interruptions*).....

MR. SPEAKER: I agree with Shri Vajpayee's views that it is not proper to ask the hon. Speaker to make appeals every time. The Government should look into the matter and the hon. Ministers who are sitting this side should do something keeping in view the sentiments of the august House.

[*English*]

SHRI RAM NAIK: Sir, bringing foreign money into India is controlled by the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act. As soon as we become M.P. or MLA, we get the first circular saying that any M.P., any MLA or any political party should not take any contribution or hospitality of any foreign country as this is against the law. In yesterday's *The Sunday Times*, a very serious news has appeared under the heading "Secret KGB funds kept CPI out of the red", which says that in the year 1990, nearly five lakh US dollars have been paid to the Communist Party of India .....(*Interruptions*).

This is a very serious issue. Even an association cannot bring any money. If any association gets foreign money, they are required to inform the Government. If any individual gets, he is also required to take prior permission. In spite of that, if five lakh US dollars, which when converted into Indian rupees comes to Ninety lakhs, are given in one year, that is, in 1990, I think the Government owes an explanation. There are ninety other institutions also which have been paid such money according to the *Sunday Times* report which has taken this